

Tavakkoli, and Mr. Vahid Tizfahm, all of Tehran—were arrested and reportedly taken to Evin Prison, the same facility where Haleh Esfandiari, director of the Middle East Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center for Scholars here in Washington, spent 105 days last year.

In addition, on March 5, another Bahá'i leader, Mrs. Mahvash Sabet, also of Tehran, was summoned to the city of Mashhad by the Ministry of Intelligence.

I am concerned that these arrests signal an escalation of repression against the Bahá'i community in Iran. These actions do not befit the rich heritage of Iranian civilization, and I call upon the leadership of the Islamic Republic of Iran to release the seven Bahá'i leaders promptly and unconditionally.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

TRIBUTE TO MAJOR GENERAL GALE S. POLLOCK

• Mr. INOUE. Madam President, I would like to recognize a great American and true military heroine who has honorably served our country for 32 years.

Major General Pollock was born in Kearny, NJ, and entered the Army Nurse Corps in 1976 after earning her BSN from the University of Maryland. She also completed a master's of business administration from Boston University, a master's in healthcare administration from Baylor University, and a master's in national security and strategy from the National Defense University. Major General Pollock also attended the U.S. Army Nurse Anesthesia Program and is a certified registered nurse anesthetist, CRNA, and a fellow in The American College of Healthcare Executives.

Major General Pollock's military education includes Senior Service College at the Industrial College of the Armed Forces; the U.S. Air Force War College; the Interagency Institute for Federal Health Care Executives, the Military Health System CAPSTONE Program, the Principles of Advanced Nurse Administrators, and the NATO staff officer course.

Major General Pollock became the Deputy Surgeon General for Force Management December 11, 2007. She also served as Chief, Army Nurse Corps and Commander, U.S. Army Medical Command/Acting Surgeon General.

Major General Pollock's past military assignments include special assistant to the Surgeon General for Information Management and Health Policy; commander, Martin Army Community Hospital, Fort Benning, GA; commander, U.S. Army Medical Activity, Fort Drum, NY; staff officer, Strategic Initiatives Command Group for the Army Surgeon General; Department of Defense health care advisor to the Congressional Commission on Serv-

ice Members and Veterans Transition Assistance, health fitness advisor at the National Defense University; senior policy analyst in Health Affairs, DOD; and chief anesthesia nursing service at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC.

Throughout her career Major General Pollock has served with valor and profoundly impacted the entire Army Medical Department. Her performance reflects exceptionally on herself, the U.S. Army, the Department of Defense, and the United States of America. I extend my deepest appreciation to Major General Pollock on behalf of a grateful nation for her more than 32 years of dedicated military service.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF ETHAN, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I pay tribute to the 125th anniversary of the founding of the city of Ethan, South Dakota. After 125 years, this progressive community will have a chance to reflect on its past and future, and I congratulate the people of Ethan for all that they have accomplished.

The city of Ethan was founded in 1883 as a railroad town named after Ethan Allen of historical fame. Jerome Miles was the primary landowner of Ethan Territory. The first school was built in 1885, followed by the first Catholic and Methodist churches which were both built in 1887.

Today, Ethan is a growing and developing small town community located in Davison County. Ethan has a population of 312 and is home to numerous colorful characters, including many descendants of the original founders. Ethan features several local businesses, including grain elevators, hotels, banks, restaurants, doctor's offices, churches, a public school, and a beautiful park. Ethan Coop Lumber just celebrated their 100 year anniversary in 2007, and Ethan Public School has been declared a Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the U.S. Department of Education.

Ethan will be commemorating its anniversary with a celebration on the weekend of June 13-15. The town plans to hold the Miss Ethan Pageant, a street dance, a parade, and hot air balloon rides. The events of the weekend promise to provide great opportunities to celebrate such a historic milestone.

Even 125 years after its founding, Ethan continues to be a vibrant community. I am proud to honor the accomplishments of the people of Ethan, and congratulate them on this impressive achievement.●

125TH ANNIVERSARY OF CORONA, SOUTH DAKOTA

• Mr. JOHNSON. Madam President, today I recognize the community of Corona, SD, on reaching the 125th anniversary of its founding. Corona is a rural community located in Roberts County, and will be celebrating its

quasiquicentennial the weekend of June 20-22 with a street dance, a 5k walk/run, hot air balloon rides, a parade, and fireworks.

In 1881, a town site called Prior was plotted approximately 1½ miles north of the future site of Corona, named for its owner, C. H. Prior. Prior was the original stopping point for the postal service until moving to the present location of Corona in 1883, which provided closer access to the railroad.

The early business district of Corona was comprised of a doctor, a newspaper, two banks, four grocery stores, a butcher shop, a post office, four grain elevators, a general store, a hardware store, a creamery, and two lumber yards. Main Street was marked with hitching posts, gasoline lights, and wooden sidewalks that were notorious for their hazardous conditions when wet.

Today, Corona still boasts several businesses including a café, a post office, a grain elevator, and most importantly, the Corona Learning Center. Three industrial enterprises are also based in the area: Mark's Custom Woodworking, Ammann Honey Farm, and Dakota Machine Works. Despite the hardworking nature of Corona's inhabitants, they still manage to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with one of the longest parades in the State, whether rain, snow, or shine.

Most South Dakotans call small towns like Corona home. South Dakota's small communities are the bedrock of our economy and vital to the future of our State. It is especially because of our small communities, and the feelings of loyalty and familiarity that they engender, that I am proud to call South Dakota home. Towns like Corona and its citizens are no different and truly know what it means to be a South Dakotan. Even 125 years after its founding, Corona continues to be a vibrant addition to our wonderful State, and I once again congratulate them on this achievement.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mrs. Neiman, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are panted at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 2:13 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the